

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

a connector through which a motion image is inputted;

a memory in which an image of the motion image inputted through the connector, which constructs one frame, is stored as a still image;

a display device on which the image is displayed;

an image signal switching circuit for switching the motion image inputted through the connector and the still image read from the memory, and outputting a selected one to the display device;

~~a remote controller~~ an operation section for instructing the image signal switching circuit to switch an image to be displayed on the display device, and for instructing start of image recording;

a recording processing circuit for if an image outputted to the display device by the image signal switching circuit is the still image, recording the still image in a still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image outputted to the display device by the image signal switching circuit is the motion image, recording the motion image in a motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium ~~recording a displayed image onto a predetermined recording medium according to the state of the image signal switching circuit that performs switching;~~ and

a recording control circuit for, when the operation section ~~remote controller~~ instructs image recording, if an image to be outputted to the display device is switched to the still image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the still image recording mode for the recording processing circuit, and if an image to be outputted to the display device is switched to the motion image by the image signal switching circuit, setting the motion image recording mode for the recording processing circuit ~~judging the state of an image displayed on the display device and setting a recording mode of the recording processing circuit according to the judged state.~~

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein: the recording control circuit includes an information memory in which information indicating whether an image outputted to the display device via the image signal switching circuit is a still image or a motion image is stored; and the recording control circuit automatically determines a recording mode of the recording processing circuit by referring information stored in the information memory when the operation section ~~remote controller~~ instructs image recording.

5. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein: the recording processing circuit includes a motion image compressing processing circuit that compresses a motion image, and a still image compressing processing circuit that compresses a still image; and the recording processing circuit compresses the motion image or still image according to a recording mode set by the recording control circuit.

6. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the operation section ~~remote controller~~ instructs start of image recording, the recording control circuit instructs updating of a still image stored in the memory according to the state of the image signal switching circuit, and instructs the recording circuit to record the still image updated.
7. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second connector, through which a motion image is inputted, in addition to the connector, and an input switching circuit that switches a motion image received through the connector and a motion image received through the second connector.
8. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a thumbnail image producing unit that produces thumbnail images according to a plurality of images recorded on the recording medium.
9. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a graphic processor for producing graphic image data in response to an instruction from the recording control circuit, wherein the image signal switching circuit outputs graphic image data generated in the graphic processor to the display device.
10. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a graphic processor that displays an image designation mark on a thumbnail image in response to an instruction from the remote controller.
11. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the graphic processor produces a menu screen to adjust a displayed image, and the remote controller includes a switch that instructs display of the menu screen, and a lever switch that selects the display item corresponding to arrangement of a display item in the menu screen.

12. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a reproducing processing circuit for reading an image recorded on the recording medium to display the read image on the display device.
13. (Withdrawn) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when an image recorded on the recording medium is a compressed image, the reproducing processing circuit reads the image from the recording medium to decompress the image.
14. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a voice recording processing circuit that records a voice signal.
15. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the remaining storage capacity of the recording medium, which is available for storage of information, is detected to be indicated.

16. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus comprising:

an image selecting circuit for selecting either of a motion image and a still image that are outputted;

a display device on which the motion image or the still image selected by the image selecting circuit is displayed;

~~a remote controller~~ an operation section for instructing the image selecting circuit to select an image to be displayed on the display device, and for use in instructing start of image recording;

a recording processing circuit for if an image outputted to the display device by the image selecting circuit is the still image, recording the still image in a still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image outputted to the display device by the image selecting circuit is the motion image, recording the motion image in a motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium ~~recording the motion image and the still image;~~

an image recording medium onto which an image is recorded by the recording processing circuit; and

a recording control circuit for, when image recording from the remote controller is instructed, if an image displayed on the display device by the image selecting circuit is the still image, controlling the recording processing circuit to record the still image, and if an image displayed on the display device by the image selecting circuit is the motion image, controlling the recording processing circuit to record the motion image ~~controlling to determine a recording mode, in which one of the motion image and the still image is recorded by the recording processing circuit, the recording mode being determined based on the state of an image displayed on the display device.~~

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising a still image producing circuit that produces a still image from a motion image, wherein the motion image and the still image produced by the still image producing circuit are outputted to the image selecting circuit.

20. (Original) An image recording apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the still image producing circuit is comprised of a memory in which a still image constructing one frame is stored.

21. (Currently Amended) An image recording method to be implemented in an image recording apparatus having the ability to select one of a motion image and a still image, the selection performed by an image selecting circuit to output the selected image to a display device, the image recording method that freezes an input image signal to output a resultant signal to a display device, comprising:

a recording starting step of instructing start of image recording;

a displayed image state judging step ~~[[of]]~~ for judging whether the state of an image selected by the image selecting circuit and displayed on the display device is a still image or a motion image;

a recording mode setting step ~~[[of]]~~ for, if the displayed image judging step judges the displayed image to be the still image, setting a still image recording mode, and if the displayed image judging step judges the displayed image to be the motion image, setting a motion image recording mode according to the result of judgment at the displayed state judging step; and

a recording processing step of recording an image displayed on the display device onto a ~~predetermined~~ recording medium according to the result of setting at the recording mode setting step.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Original) An image recording method according to claim 21, further comprising a still image updating step of, when a displayed image is judged to be a motion image at the displayed state judging step, updating a still image, and a still image recording step of recording the still image updated.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (New) An image recording apparatus comprising:

a connector through which a motion image is inputted;

a memory in which an image of the motion image inputted through the connector, which constructs one frame, is stored as a still image;

a display image on which the image is displayed;

an image signal switching circuit for switching the motion image inputted through the connector and the still image read from the memory, and outputting a selected one to the display device;

a recording processing circuit for, if the still image is displayed on the display device by the image signal switching circuit, recording the displayed still image in a still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if the motion image is displayed on the display device by the image signal switching circuit, recording the displayed motion image in a motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium; and

a recording control circuit for, if the still image displayed on the display device is to be recorded, setting the still image recording mode for the recording processing circuit, and if the motion image displayed on the display device is to be recorded, setting the motion image recording mode for the recording processing circuit.

26. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein:

the recording control circuit includes an information memory in which information indicating whether an image outputted to the display device via the image signal switching circuit is a still image or a motion image is stored; and

the recording control circuit, when recording an image, automatically determines a recording mode of the recording processing circuit by referring to information stored in the information memory.

27. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the recording processing circuit includes a motion image compressing processing circuit that compresses a motion image, and a still image compressing processing circuit that compresses a still image; and the recording processing circuit compresses the motion image or still image according to a recording mode set by the recording control circuit.

28. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein when starting image recording, the recording control circuit instructs updating of a still image stored in the memory according to the state of the image signal switching circuit, and instructs the recording circuit to record the still image updated.

29. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising a graphic processor for producing graphic image data in response to an instruction from the recording control circuit, wherein the image signal switching circuit outputs graphic image data generated in the graphic processor to the display device.

30. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, further comprising a voice recording processing circuit that records a voice signal.

31. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 25, wherein the remaining storage capacity of the recording medium, which is available for storage of information, is detected to be indicated.

32. (New) An image recording apparatus comprising:

an image selecting circuit for selecting either of a motion image and a still image that are outputted;

a display device on which the motion image or the still image selected by the image selecting circuit is displayed;

a recording processing circuit for, if an image outputted by the image selecting circuit is the still image, recording the still image in a still image recording mode onto a predetermined recording medium, and if an image outputted by the image selecting circuit is the motion image, recording the motion image in a motion image recording mode onto the predetermined recording medium;

an image recording medium onto which an image is recorded by the recording processing circuit; and

a recording control circuit for, if the still image displayed on the display device is to be recorded, controlling the recording processing circuit to record the still image, and if the motion image displayed on the display device is to be recorded, controlling the recording processing circuit to record the motion image.

33. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 32, further comprising a still image producing circuit that produces a still image from a motion image, wherein the motion image and the still image produced by the still image producing circuit are outputted to the image selecting circuit.

34. (New) An image recording apparatus according to Claim 32, wherein the still image producing circuit is comprised of a memory in which a still image constructing one frame is stored.